

**NATUROPATHIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

OCTOBER 16, 2002

LOCATION: Department of Health
Conference Center
1101 Eastside Street
Olympia, Washington 98504

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roger Rowse, N.D., Chair
John Catanzaro, N.D., Vice Chair
Walter Clemons, Public Member
Andrew Holguin, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Holly Rawsley, Program Manager
Karen Maasjo, Administrative Assistant
Robert Nicoloff, Executive Director
Arlene Robertson, Program Manager

AAG PRESENT:

Marc Defreyn, AAG Advisor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roger Rowse, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting agenda was approved as written. The June 12, 2002 meeting minutes were approved as written.

**2. WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS LEGEND
SUBSTANCES RESEARCH UPDATE**

Dr. Joshua Levitt, N.D., Washington Association of Naturopathic Physicians, updated the committee on the status of the Legends Substances list proposal. Dr. Levitt stated that the association elected a new president, Dr. Kasra Pournadeli, N.D., however the formulary committee is still the same with Dr. Dan Labriola as the main point of contact. The committee has been meeting but does not yet have their proposal ready for presentation to the committee.

3. LEGEND SUBSTANCES LIST UPDATE PRESENTATION

Dr. Bruce Klein, N.D., presented the committee with a revised version of his proposal to update the Department of Health legends substances list. This proposal completely replaces his previous proposal. Dr. Klein's new proposal asks for Naturopaths to have full prescriptive authority to all non-parenteral, non-injectable substances.

4. UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT REQUEST FOR SCHOOL APPROVAL UPDATE

Holly Rawnsley, Program Manager, provided an update on the status of the University of Bridgeport's request to become an approved school. The program is working with Dr. Robert Beardemphl, education consultant, and will be scheduling a site visit to the university within the next few months. The site visit evaluation team will consist of Dr. Beardemphl, Dr. Rowse and Ms. Rawnsley.

5. SOUTHWEST UNIVERSITY PROVISIONAL APPROVAL UPDATE

The committee discussed the status of the provisional approval of Southwest University. The department will send a letter to the university informing them that Walter Clemons, committee member, will be contacting them regarding supporting materials for the budget information they recently submitted.

6. PROGRAM REPORT

- a.) Holly Rawnsley, Program Manager, reported on the following Naturopathy program statistics for licensing and disciplinary activity:

Licensing Activity

Current number of active licensees: 550

Number of licenses issued in 2002: 63

Number of licenses issued in 2001: 79

Number of licenses issued in 2000: 61

Number of licenses issued in 1999: 56

Complaint/Discipline Activity

We received 11 complaints in 2002. We currently have 6 open complaints.

Types of reports received varied: standard of care, scope of practice, questionable conduct, patient injury, and patient abandonment.

We have pending disciplinary actions based on two of the complaints received.

Number of complaints received in previous years – 6 in 2001, 5 in 2000, 6 in 1999, and 7 in 1998.

- b.) Ms. Rawnsley also reported on other program information. She reported that the most recent budget report dated August 2002 for the Naturopathy program had been received and reviewed. The current balance for the biennium is \$562, 990.

Ms. Rawnsley also reported that the department is exploring the possibility of a fee reduction for Naturopaths.

The Naturopathy WEB page has been updated. All current application forms are now available to be downloaded from the site along with law book information including applicable statutes and rules. The WEB site address is www.doh.wa.gov.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

The program received comments from members of the public suggesting that the department provide more education to members of the profession to help prevent disciplinary actions. Suggestions included the use of a newsletter or mass mailing throughout the year to provide updates and reminders.

8. SET MEETING DATES FOR 2002

February 12, 2002 - Olympia
May 14, 2003 - Kent
August 13, 2003 - Olympia
October 15, 2003 - Olympia

9. ELECTIONS

The committee elected the following positions for 2003:

Roger Rowse, N.D., Chair
John Catanzaro, N.D., Vice Chair

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Recorded and Submitted by:

Signature on file
Holly Rawnsley, Program Manager
Naturopathic Advisory Committee

Approved by:

Signature on file
Roger Rowse, Chair
Naturopathic Advisory Committee